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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING, AUGUST 24, 1977
NO. 11

1. QUESTION AROSE ON VARIOUS REPORTS IN EUROPEAN PRESS,
ON WIRES AND IN NYTIMES THAT U.S. CONSIDERING AN INITIATIVE
IN NORTHERN IRELAND SITUATION AND THAT PRESIDENT WAS TO
MAKE STATEMENT ABOUT IT. (FYI: WE HEAR THIS STORY WAS
FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE MATERIAL IN SOME EUROPEAN PAPERS;
WHITE HOUSE RECEIVED FLURRY OF CALLS FROM BRITISH AND IRISH
PRESS). I RESPONDED BY NOTING THAT SOME WEEKS AGO SECRE-
TARY MET WITH INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO DISCUSS
NORTHERN IRELAND AND ALL WERE AGREED PROBLEM MUST BE
RESOLVED BY PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND THAT LONGSTAND-
ING USG POLICY OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IS CORRECT POLICY. THEY
ALSO AGREED U.S. SHOULD LOOK INTO HOW WE MIGHT BE HELPFUL
WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NOT BEING DIRECTLY INVOLVED, AND WE
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HAVE BEEN DOING SO; WE HAVE, NATURALLY, CONSULTED WITH
BRITISH AND IRISH GOVERNMENTS AND WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
WITH WHOM SECRETARY MET. TO QUESTION WHETHER BRITISH
GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SHOWN A DRAFT OF PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL

SPEECH ON THIS SUBJECT, I SAID I WOULD NOT GO BEYOND
CONFIRMING THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH BRITISH

AND IRISH.

2. REPORTS ON WIRES THAT U.S. PRISONERS IN MEXICO WERE BEING RETURNED TO U.S. PROMPTED QUESTION AS TO WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENING. I SAID BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE NOW RATIFIED TRANSFER OF SANCTIONS TREATY, BUT THAT IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION HAS STILL TO BE APPROVED BY CONGRESS BEFORE ACTUAL EXCHANGE BEGINS. IN ANTICIPATION OF SUCH APPROVAL, WE UNDERSTAND SOME PREPARATION FOR PROCESSING PRISONERS HAS BEGUN IN MEXICO AND THAT SOME PRISONERS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO MEXICO CITY FROM OTHER LOCATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. I DECLINED REACTION TO STORY QUOTING DAYAN THAT U.S. IS ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT OF PLO.

4. NEW SUBJECT (WHICH I BELIEVE MEDEIROS MAY HAVE RAISED WITH YOU BEFORE DEPARTURE): SCHEDULE FOR VIENNA TRIP CURRENTLY CALLS FOR SECRETARY TO CONCLUDE FINAL NEWS CONFERENCE AT 5:45 PM, SEPTEMBER 9 PRIOR TO TAKEOFF FOR ROME AT 7 PM. THIS LEAVES NO TIME FOR TRAVELLING PRESS TO FILE (DRIVING TIME TO VIENNA AIRPORT IS 45-50 MINUTES). SUGGEST THAT AT LEAST EXTRA HALF HOUR BE INSERTED INTO SCHEDULE--45 MINUTES WOULD BE BETTER--TO GIVE PRESS FILING TIME. THIS WOULD PUT VIENNA TAKEOFF BACK BY SAME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMOUNT OF TIME BUT ARRIVAL SCHEDULE ROME SEEMS FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE THIS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH VIENNA BUT AUTHORITY TO CHANGE SCHEDULE WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM PARTY AND SHOULD BE DONE SOONEST. CHRISTOPHER

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